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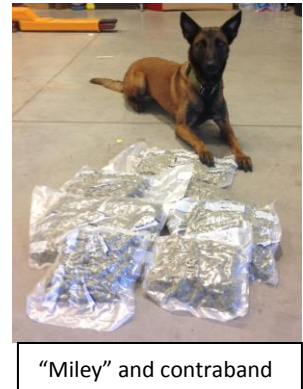


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K9 Deputy locates Several Pounds of Marijuana during Traffic Stop

A traffic stop by K9 deputies yesterday resulted in the seizure of more than 6 pounds of marijuana and the arrest of 42-year-old Troy Jarvis from California and 19-year-old James Westrup from Nevada.

Just after 7:30 am, YCSO K9 deputies stopped a yellow Volkswagen "Bug" travelling east on I40, west of Ashfork, Arizona. The Volkswagen had failed to move over and provide a safe distance to another Sheriff's deputy conducting a traffic stop on I40. This action is required by State Law. The driver was Westrup who claimed that he forgot his license. The front passenger was Jarvis. Westrup told deputies they were travelling from Las Vegas to Oklahoma. The "Bug" was a rental vehicle but neither Jarvis nor Westrup were named on the contract.



While conversing with the pair, deputies noticed numerous signs of deception as the occupants of the "Bug" appeared to be more nervous than the innocent motoring public. Additionally, they were unable to answer basic questions that a pair of passengers sharing a destination would commonly know. At this point, along with other factors developed during the traffic stop, deputies believed the vehicle likely contained contraband in the form of drugs.

The lead K9 deputy requested consent to search their vehicle and both granted permission understanding K9 Miley was standing by. Inside the trunk, deputies found 2 black bags containing more than 6 pounds of marijuana. Jarvis and Westrup denied involvement or any knowledge of the contraband.

Both were arrested and booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Possession of Marijuana for Sale and Transportation of Marijuana for Sale. They remain in-custody – each on a \$17,000 bond.

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